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FDIC -San Francisco Regional Office Director John F. Carter 25 Jesse Street at Ecker Square, Suite 2300 San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. Carter,

I oppose the consideration of the Wal-Mart ILC application in Utah based on the following points:

- 1. Congress stated its opposition to the mixing of banking and commerce when it enacted the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. Mixing banking and commerce represents bad public policy that could jeopardize the impartial allocation of credit and create conflicts of interest.
- While the Wal-Mart ILC application in Utah does not seek broad "banking" powers, once a charter is granted, expanded powers, including nationwide branching, could be sought. The vast resources brought to the table by Wal-Mart would have an adverse impact on community banks, in much the same manner that Wal-Mart's presence has had on other retail establishments in the communities in which it has located.
- 3. A nationwide banking operation by Wal-Mart would pose a significant systemic risk. The potential size of a Wal-Mart banking operation would represent an ill-advised and unprecedented concentration of economic power.

As your decision is being made and request that you consider these points and follow congressional intent, which was passed for the overall good of the public.

Best regards.